

INTRODUCED: 03/21/2016

REFERRED TO: Rules and Public Policy Committee

SPONSOR: Councillors Lewis, Adamson, Fanning, Robinson, McQuillen, Miller, Osili, Johnson, Mascari, Evans, Kreider, Pfisterer and Ray

DIGEST: authorizes a referendum on the November 2016 ballot on new funding for public transportation in Marion County

SOURCE:

Initiated by: Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation

Drafted by: Fred Biesecker, General Counsel

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADOPTION:

Subject to approval or veto by Mayor

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE:

Adoption and approvals

GENERAL COUNSEL APPROVAL: _____

Date: March 17, 2016

CITY-COUNTY SPECIAL ORDINANCE NO. , 2016

A SPECIAL ORDINANCE authorizing a referendum on the November 2016 ballot on new funding for public transportation in Marion County.

WHEREAS, the Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IPTC) is a municipal corporation and public transportation corporation providing public transit services within the City of Indianapolis and Marion County; and,

WHEREAS, the Indy Connect plan, the multi-county transit vision for Central Indiana, as developed by the Metropolitan Planning Organization in partnership with the IPTC and the Central Indiana Regional Transportation Authority, is based on years of planning and public input, and calls for regional public transportation improvements; and

WHEREAS, SEA 176-2014 enacted by the Indiana General Assembly provides an opportunity for the citizens of Central Indiana to vote via referendum in a general election on whether to fund county-based public transportation improvements through an income tax not to exceed 0.25%; and

WHEREAS, IPTC Resolution 2016-02, adopted by the IPTC board of directors on February 25, 2016 supports a voter referendum in Marion County to fund public transportation improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Marion County Transit Plan begins to implement the Indy Connect regional plan within Marion County in accordance with the enabling legislation; and

WHEREAS, the Marion County Transit Plan offers a 5-year implementation plan for improved travel times, with all routes operating seven days a week, shorter wait times, trips earlier in the morning and later at night, and 3 new rapid transit lines; and

WHEREAS, the Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation's board of directors is expected to adopt a detailed and comprehensive version of the Marion County Transit Plan on March 24, 2016; now, therefore:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY-COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS AND OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to IC 8-25-2-1, a referendum to fund public transportation improvements in Marion County is hereby authorized and shall be placed on the November 2016 ballot for voters.

SECTION 2. Pursuant to IC 8-25-2-3, the referendum question shall read as follows: "Shall Marion County have the ability to impose a county economic development income tax rate, not to exceed a rate of 0.25%, to pay for improving or establishing public transportation service in the county through a public transportation project that will create a connected network of buses and rapid transit lines; increase service frequency; extend operational hours; and implement three new rapid transit lines?"

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon adoption and compliance with IC 36-3-4-14.

The foregoing was passed by the City-County Council this _____ day of _____, 2016, at _____ p.m.

ATTEST:

Maggie A. Lewis
President, City-County Council

NaTrina DeBow
Clerk, City-County Council

Presented by me to the Mayor this _____ day of _____, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.

NaTrina DeBow
Clerk, City-County Council

Approved and signed by me this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Joseph H. Hogsett, Mayor